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THOMAS et al.

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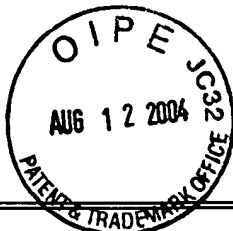
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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	AR	Fluid Energy Processing and Equipment Company Brochure entitled "Comprehensive Solution for Fine Powder Processing," dated 2003, 4 pages.
	AS	Michael D. Durham, "Field Test Program to Develop Comprehensive Design, Operating and Cost Data for Mercury Control," DOE/NETL's Mercury Control Technology, R&D Program Review, dated August 12, 2003, 4 pages.

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